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LETTER DATED 9 OCTOBER 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 2 October 1997 addressed to you from the Permanent Representative of Iraq, alleging that a Kuwaiti maritime patrol opened fire on Iraqi Coast Guard patrol boats on 25 September 1997. I should like to inform you of the facts in this regard, as follows.

1. These allegations are merely one more in a series of slanders which the Iraqi regime is in the habit of spreading for purposes of provocation, in order to instigate crises. The Kuwaiti competent authorities categorically reject these false charges.

2. The Kuwaiti competent authorities requested information from the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) command concerning this alleged incident, but UNIKOM stated that it was not informed about this incident. This confirms the falsity of the allegations and makes clear the intentions of the Iraqi regime and the aim of its policy, which is to instigate crises and arouse tensions in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

